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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, and 14; cancel claims 2 and 10 and add new claims 15-21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bait station comprising: a horizontal pest channel, a vertical bait tube, said pest channel affixed to said bait tube and in fluid communication therewith, a flexible planar shroud, said shroud defining ~~an opening~~ a central opening therein, said bait tube positioned in said shroud opening for covering the pest channel whereby said shroud can be hidden with ground cover to camouflage said bait station while said bait tube remains readily accessible and said pest channel remains negotiable to a pest.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The bait station of claim 1 wherein said shroud comprises a polymeric sheet.
4. (Currently Amended) The bait station of claim 1 further comprising an anchor, said anchor attached to said bait tube for maintaining orientation of the bait station in relation to the ground.

5. (Original) The bait station of claim 1 further comprising a first anchor guide, said first anchor guide attached to said bait tube.
6. (Currently Amended) The bait station of claim 5 further comprising a second anchor guide, said second anchor guide attached to said bait tube below said first anchor guide, said first and second anchor guides aligned along said bait tube for maintaining a common anchor.
7. (Original) The bait station of claim 4 wherein said anchor comprises a metal rod.
8. (Original) The bait station of claim 1 further comprising a cap, said cap positioned on said bait tube.
9. (Currently Amended) A bait station to eradicate yard pests comprising: a pest channel, a bait tube, said bait tube connected to and in communication with said pest channel to form an inverted t-shape, said bait tube substantially normal to said pest channel, a first anchor guide, said first anchor guide affixed to said bait tube, an anchor, said anchor slideably engageable with said first anchor guide for maintaining proper orientation of the pest station, whereby bait placed within said bait tube will pass

into said pest channel below said bait tube.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The bait station of claim 9 further comprising ~~an anchor guide, said a second anchor guide, said second~~ anchor guide attached to said bait tube, ~~said anchor guide for maintaining an anchor tube below and aligned with said first anchor guide along said bait tube for maintaining a common anchor.~~

12. (Original) The bait station of claim 9 further comprising bait, said bait contained within said pest channel.

13. (Original) The bait station of claim 12 wherein said bait comprises Chlorophacinone-Liphadione.

14. (Currently Amended) The bait station of claim 11 further comprising an anchor, said anchor positioned within said anchor guide for affixing said bait station to the ground and maintaining proper orientation of said bait station with the ground.

15. (New) The bait station of claim 1 wherein said pest channel defines an opening at each end for pest movement therethrough.

16. (New) The bait station of claim 6 wherein said first and said second anchor guides each comprise an eye bolt.
17. (New) The bait station of claim 9 wherein said pest channel is tubular.
18. (New) The bait station of claim 9 further comprising a flexible planar shroud, said shroud defining an opening therein, said bait tube positioned in said shroud opening to allow said shroud to cover said pest channel while in a horizontal posture.
19. (New) A method to eradicate yard pests using an inverted t-shaped bait station comprising a substantially vertical bait tube with a removable cap, the bait tube normally intersecting a pest channel and in fluid communication therewith, a flexible planar shroud with a central opening for receiving the bait tube so the shroud substantially covers the pest channel, a pair of anchor guides affixed to the bait tube along its length and aligned with its vertical axis, an anchor that slideably passes through the pair of anchor guides for securing the bait station to the ground and maintaining a desired orientation, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) placing the bait station on the ground

whereby the pest channel contacts the ground surface and the bait tube is normal to the ground near a known pest burrow;

- b) adjusting the angle of the bait tube with respect to the ground surface to achieve the desired orientation;
- c) placing the anchor through the anchor guides and contacting the ground therewith;
- d) placing the shroud opening over the bait tube so the pest channel is completely covered with the shroud;
- e) concealing the shroud with ground cover; and
- f) baiting the bait station.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein baiting the bait station comprises the further steps of:

- a) removing the cap from the bait tube;
- b) placing a quantity of bait therein whereby the bait falls into the pest channel for consumption by pests; and
- c) replacing the cap on the bait tube.

21. (New) The method of claim 19 further comprising the steps of:

- a) removing the cap from the bait tube and looking therein to determine if the bait

needs replenishing;

- b) replenishing the bait station as necessary for eradicating additional pests; and
- c) relocating the bait station to another pest burrow until desired eradication has been completed.